

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the present Abstract with the attached Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1-9 and 13-27 as follows. The unamended claims are also reproduced below.

1. (Amended) An image input device for picking up images of one or more subjects by switching of an image pickup direction, said image input device comprising:

- an image pickup [means for picking] unit adapted to pick up an image of a subject and for outputting an image signal corresponding to the picked-up image;
- an image pickup direction [switching means for switching] switch adapted to switch the image pickup direction of said image pickup [means] unit;
- a first detection [means for detecting] unit adapted to detect an angle of the image pickup direction and for determining whether the detected angle is equal to a predetermined angle; and